

**EUREKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Quarterly Meeting – June 16, 2014**

STATE OF NEVADA    )  
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COUNTY OF EUREKA )

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Eureka County Commissioners met pursuant to law for their quarterly meeting on June 16, 2014, at the Crescent Valley Town Center. Present were Chairman J.J. Goicoechea, Commissioner Mike Sharkozy, District Attorney Ted Beutel (via interactive video), and Executive Assistant, Jackie Berg. Commissioner Ithurralde was absent. The interactive video conferencing system was connected and utilized between Crescent Valley and Eureka for the entire meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve the agenda as posted; Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Goicoechea called for public comments; there were none.

**COMMISSIONERS**

Update Reports: Commissioner Sharkozy attended the Search & Rescue meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>; attended the Senior Centers Advisory Board meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>; attended a dinner meeting of Nevada Works in Carson City on June 12<sup>th</sup>, followed the next morning, June 13<sup>th</sup>, by the Nevada Works business meeting in Reno.

Chairman Goicoechea participated in phone call with Jack Robb, Chair of the Nevada Wildlife Commission, regarding wild horse and sage grouse issues; participated in a conference call out of Washington, DC, with several participants to discuss the Western Alliance Energy lawsuit in opposition to the National Technical Team and Conservation Objective Team reports on sage grouse; met with representatives of Friends of Nevada Wilderness regarding the Reid/Heller proposed legislation and the effects on Eureka County; attended the Legislative Committee on Public Lands meeting in Elko on June 12<sup>th</sup> where Natural Resources Manager, Jake Tibbitts, testified, and two main topics were the proposed rule defining Waters of the US and RS 2477 road rights-of-way; and had several other phone calls, including a call with General Moly on status of the Mt. Hope Project and to set up a meeting to review an amendment to their Plan of Operations.

**CLERK & TREASURER**

Canvass Returns of the 2014 Primary Election: The Abstract of the 2014 Primary Election was presented by Clerk & Treasurer, Beverly Conley, and Elections Administrator, Vera Baumann. Ms. Baumann reported that turnout statewide was very low, at around 17%, but Eureka County had one of the highest turnouts at 43.79%. She reported that Eureka County was the first county in the State to report returns on election night.

Commissioner Sharkozy motioned to approve canvass and abstract of the vote of the 2014 Primary Election held June 10, 2014, and to make the results an official part of the record by publishing them in the minutes; Chairman Goicoechea seconded the motion; motion carried 2-0.

**CANVASS and ABSTRACT  
OF THE VOTE FOR EUREKA COUNTY, STATE OF NEVADA  
2014 PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON JUNE 10, 2014**

TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS	870
TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST	381
PERCENTAGE OF VOTER TURNOUT	43.79%
NUMBER OF VOTERS AT POLLS & MAILING PRECINCTS	225
NUMBER OF ABSENTEE VOTERS	14
NUMBER OF EARLY VOTERS	142

**EUREKA COUNTY SUMMARY REPORT**

<b>Registration &amp; Turnout</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>Voters</b>
Election Day Reporting Turnout	239	27.47%
Absentee Reporting Turnout	0	0.00%
Early Vote Reporting turnout	142	16.32%
<b>Total...</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>43.79%</b>

<b>Nonpartisan Reg. &amp; Turnout</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>Voters</b>
Election Day Reporting Turnout	13	8.84%
Absentee Reporting Turnout	0	0.00%
Early Vote Reporting Turnout	10	6.80%
<b>Total...</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15.65%</b>

<b>Democrat Registration &amp; Turnout</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>Voters</b>
Election Day Reporting Turnout	24	21.43%
Absentee Reporting Turnout	0	0.00%
Early Vote Reporting Turnout	11	9.82%
<b>Total...</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31.25%</b>

<b>Republican Registration &amp; Turnout</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>Voters</b>
Election Day Reporting Turnout	202	33.06%
Absentee Reporting Turnout	0	0.00%
Early Vote Reporting Turnout	121	19.80%
<b>Total...</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>52.86%</b>

<b>DEM-Rep in Congress, District 2</b>	<b>4/4</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Under Votes: 3		
Over Votes: 1		
ALM, VANCE	2	6.45%
DEMPSEY, BRIAN	19	61.29%
LEE, ED	2	6.45%
SPEES, KRISTEN	8	25.81%
<b>Total...</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<b>DEM-Governor</b>	<b>4/4</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Under Votes: 2		
Over Votes: 0		
CHANG, CHARLES "CHARLIE"	1	3.03%
CONQUEST, FREDERICK L.	0	0.00%
FRYE, STEPHEN H.	6	18.18%
GOODMAN, ROBERT "BOB"	4	12.12%
HYEPOCK, CHRIS	3	9.09%
RHEINHART, ALLEN	2	6.06%
RUTLEDGE, JOHN	4	12.12%
SHABAZZ, ABDUL H.	1	3.03%
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES	12	36.36%
<b>Total...</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<b>REP- Governor</b>	<b>4/4</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Under Votes: 1		
Over Votes: 0		
HAMILTON, EDDIE "IN LIBERTY"	20	6.21%
MARINCH, GARY	7	2.17%
SANDOVAL, BRIAN	238	73.91%
TARBELL, WILLIAM	11	3.42%
TIGHE, THOMAS J.	6	1.86%
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES	40	12.42%
<b>Total...</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<b>REP- Lieutenant Governor</b>	<b>4/4</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Under Votes: 3		
Over Votes: 0		
DYER, CHRIS	37	11.56%
HUTCHISON, MARK	119	37.19%
LOWDEN, SUE	120	37.50%
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES	44	13.75%
<b>Total...</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<b>REP- State Controller</b>	<b>4/4</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Under Votes: 19		
Over Votes: 0		
ARLINT, CORT R.	27	8.88%
HERR, BARRY	41	13.49%
KNECHT, RON	121	39.80%
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES	115	37.83%
<b>Total...</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<b>REP-County Commissioner District 2</b>	<b>4/4</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Under Votes: 2		
Over Votes: 0		
ETCHEGARAY, FRED	241	75.08%
PASTORINO, DAVID A.	80	24.92%
<b>Total...</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<b>7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Dist Judge Dept 1</b>	<b>4/4</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Under Votes: 72		
Over Votes: 0		
DOBRESCU, STEVE L.	309	100.00%
<b>Total...</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<b>7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Dist Judge Dept 2</b>	<b>4/4</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Under Votes: 84		
Over Votes: 0		
FAIRMAN, GARY D.	297	100.00%
<b>Total...</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<b>DEM-Lieutenant Governor</b>	<b>4/4 100.00%</b>	<b>Eureka Co TV Dist, Seat 4B</b>	<b>4/4 100.00%</b>
Under Votes: 1		Under Votes: 78	
Over Votes: 0		Over Votes: 0	
FLORES, LUCY	16 47.06%	EDERA, PETER	303 100.00%
KULKIN, HARLEY ZANE	10 20.41%	<b>Total...</b>	<b>303 100.00%</b>
NONE OF THESE CANDIDATES	8 23.53%	<b>Eureka Co TV Dist, Seat 4C</b>	<b>4/4 100.00%</b>
<b>Total...</b>	<b>34 100.00%</b>	Under Votes: 92	
		Over Votes: 0	
		FOULKE, RYAN	289 100.00%
		<b>Total...</b>	<b>289 100.00%</b>

**CRESCENT VALLEY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD**

Call to Order: The Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board called their meeting to order; present were Chair Vickie Etchinek, Vice Chair Dawn Gann, and Clerk Lynda Stidham. Chair Etchinek publicly thanked Public Works and the Road Department for their efforts during May Cleanup.

Crescent Valley Town Park Re-Dedication: The CVTAB reminded everyone that the Crescent Valley Town Park Re-Dedication Ceremony is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the annual Fun Days. The Crescent Valley Activities Program is coordinating the event. Adell Panning announced that the rededication is tentatively scheduled around noon. She plans to ask Search & Rescue to do a pancake breakfast; then the day will start with the greased pig contest and the parade, followed by the dedication. The remainder of the day will be filled with events at the park. Some local groups will be selling food, but the remainder of the activities will be provided at no charge.

Crescent Valley Community Development Implementation Plan: Dawn Gann reported on the Working Committee for the Community Development Implementation Plan. The surveys have been mailed and they will also be distributed during Fun Days. Extension Educator, Fred Steinmann, has been working closely with the Committee, but is leaving at the end of June. No plans have been announced regarding a replacement for Mr. Steinmann, so Chairman Goicoechea will stay in touch with the University of Nevada to ensure that continued support is provided for this endeavor.

Results of Questionnaire Regarding Sunsetting CVTAB: The CVTAB provided results of the survey/questionnaire that was sent out to Precinct 4 voters regarding consideration of sunsetting the CVTAB effective January 1, 2015. This was prompted due to only one person filing candidacy for the Town Board in the 2014 Election although all three seats are up for election. Results of the survey are as follows:

**CVTAB SUNSETTING SURVEY**  
**PRECINCT 4 REGISTERED VOTERS (TOWN OF CRESCENT VALLEY)**

“NO” DON’T SUNSET	“YES” SUNSET	NO REPLY	RETURNED TO SENDER
<b>33</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>9</b>

The Commissioners were concerned over the lack of response to this survey, but noted that some of the comments received were very insightful. Chairman Goicoechea stated that he was not ready to move forward with an immediate decision regarding sunsetting the Town Board. Rather, he felt the fairest way to handle this was for the new Board (two Commission

seats are up for election in the November 2014 General Election) to consider the results of the survey and the wishes of the community after they take office, since this is an advisory board to the Commission. Commissioner Sharkozy agreed. The CVTAB members concurred that this direction made sense. The question was raised and District Attorney Ted Beutel confirmed that the results of the questionnaire are public record.

CVTAB Adjournment: At this point the CVTAB adjourned their meeting.

### **CRESCENT VALLEY ACTIVITIES PROGRAM**

Quarterly Report: Social Activities Coordinator, Geniffer Perry, reported on recent and upcoming activities in Crescent Valley. The Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 19<sup>th</sup> with approximately 70 children in attendance. May Cleanup Day was held on May 17<sup>th</sup> with a good turnout. The Activities Program provided lunch for the participants. The next event is Cops & Kids on June 19<sup>th</sup> and Ms. Perry will assist the Sheriff's Office with that event. Fun Days and the Crescent Valley Town Park Rededication were already discussed. A schedule of events and entry forms for the parade, chili cook-off, etc., will be provided as the event gets closer.

Ms. Perry provided the Commissioners with a newsletter of events. Copies are available at the Fannie Komp Senior Center, the Crescent Valley Town Center, Crescent Valley Market, and The Ranch House.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Vacancies: Public Works Director, Ron Damele, explained that Public Works is losing the Senior Administrative Assistant in Crescent Valley and two Eureka Road Shop employees through retirement. In light of the attrition policy and hiring freeze, Public Works proposes that these employees not be replaced at this time. Mr. Damele feels this will not result in a reduction in services, but there may be a delay in services. Hours of operation at the Crescent Valley Public Works office will be reduced. The Eureka Public Works office will absorb most of the essential job functions. The hours of operation in Crescent Valley will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday, effective November 1<sup>st</sup>. The building will also be open as needed for events or meetings. A drop box will be provided for water payments. Online bill payment is also available on the County website. Public Works staff will be available by phone and numbers will be posted at the Crescent Valley Town Hall. Effective immediately, Road Superintendent, Ray Hodson, will assume the supervisory duties over Crescent Valley Town employees for operation and maintenance of the water system, the County buildings, and the park.

Chairman Goicoechea noted that Public Works is the first department to face personnel cuts through attrition, but other departments will be following this example. He opened the floor for comments.

Angie Black felt it was poor timing to cut town office hours when the community is working to encourage growth. She asked if taxpayers in northern Eureka County will get a tax break since services are being reduced.

Chairman Goicoechea responded that cuts will be made County-wide as opportunities arise. The full range of services will be supplied to northern County residents; there will just have to be some adjustments to how services are accessed. Commissioner Sharkozy stated that nobody likes having to reduce staff and adjust services, but it is a necessary step in order to balance the budget. Chairman Goicoechea reiterated that there is a \$12 million deficit in the upcoming budget in comparison to the previous year.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received from: District Attorney, Ted Beutel (3); Clerk & Treasurer, Beverly Conley; Public Works, Ron Damele; Executive Assistant, Jackie Berg (3); Eureka County High School; Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board (3); Nevada Assoc. of Counties;

Nye County Asst. Manager, Joni Eastley; Nevada Pool/PACT (2); Nevada Dept. of Health & Human Resources; Nevada Dept. of Motor Vehicles (2); Nevada Dept. of Business & Industry; Nevada Connections newsletter; and US Dept. of the Interior-BLM (2).

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Goicoechea called for public comments. Ken and Barbara Dugan were in attendance and thanked the Commissioners for the resolution and plaque recognizing their years of volunteer service.

Chairman Goicoechea has invited Rich Perry of Nevada Division of Minerals to give a presentation on hydraulic fracturing during a future Commission meeting. This presentation was given at the recent meeting of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands and was very informative. The Chairman encouraged northern Eureka County residents to attend the presentation, which will probably be set up in July or August, as there is the potential for some oil and natural gas development in the area.

The Board reminded everyone of the public meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Town Center to invite comments on the Eureka County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and the SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) Analysis being prepared by Mike Baughman of Intertech Services Corporation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

*Approved by vote of the Board this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.*

/s/ J.J. Goicoechea

J.J. Goicoechea, Chairman

*I, Jackie Berg, Executive Assistant to the Board of Eureka County Commissioners, attest that these are a true, correct, and duly approved minutes of the June 16, 2014, meeting of the Board of Eureka County Commissioners.*

/s/ Jackie Berg

Jackie Berg, Executive Assistant

*I, Beverly Conley, Clerk & Treasurer of Eureka County, acknowledge and accept the attached minutes as approved by the Board of Eureka County Commissioners and attested to by the Executive Assistant of the Board.*

/s/ Beverly Conley

Beverly Conley, Clerk & Treasurer